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Eugene Human Rights Commission
Sloat Room—99 West 10th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon

February 19, 2013
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Toni Gyatso, Chair, Andrew Thomson, Vice Chair; Councilor Greg Evans, Denise Grieswich, Richie Weinman, commissioners; Michael Kinnison, Lindsey Foltz, Francisca Leyva Johnson, City Manager's Office Staff

ABSENT: Iva Boslough, Linda Hamilton, Ken Neubeck, Commissioners

The mission of the Human Rights Commission is to promote implementation of universal human rights, values, and principles in all City of Eugene programs and throughout the wider community.

To carry out this mission the commission shall affirm, encourage, and initiate programs and services within the City of Eugene and in the wider community designed to place priority upon protecting, respecting, and fulfilling the full range of universal human rights as enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To support and promote human rights, the commission will: provide human rights education, be proactive in human rights efforts, address human rights violations, ensure active public participation, be transparent and open, and be publicly accountable for human rights progress.

1. Welcome from Chair – meeting commenced at 5:40

DPSZ Update – Toni serving on committee, send ideas or requests to her

Mayor/City Manager Update
Budget, DPSZ, Work Group Planning

Homelessness Committee – still waiting to hear on timing

Future Work Planning

2. Agenda Review/Adjust

3. Minutes Approval

No quorum, will revisit at next meeting

3. 2012 Hate and Bias Report

See report attached to packet
Sgt. David Natt, Lindsey Foltz

3. Budget 2014

Staff and Commissions not able to discuss or advocate positions on the ballot measure, email from City Attorney circulated.

Elected officials can advocate, but not in their role on boards or commissions

As a private citizen comment and advocacy is OK. Just not as a member of the HRC.

Budget Process – once the budget process starts after election HRC can comment.

Are people interested in considering another time for the meeting?

Richie moves to change meeting time until after election on May 21. Lorraine, seconds. Unanimously passed. Toni will send out a Doodle poll.

3. Council Liaison Updates

Welcome Councilor Greg Evans

Introduction: lived in Eugene for past 27 years. Human and Civil Rights interest. Worked extensively with NAACP. Work session will be coming up on camping in parks and ordinance to look at it to determine if the ordinance can be modified to make it a little more humane. He went out on a tour of homeless camps with public works. There are some ugly conditions out there that need remedy. We need to have a difficult conversation. Particularly now in the economic situation the City is in. Points out issues for transit dependent people and bills at the federal level. Many people in our community are transit dependent and we need to be vigilant on all of these fronts, transportation is one of those issues that can fade to the background. Proud about the work of LTD in this community, keep costs down and serve those who are economically and mobility challenged. Those are the things he is passionate about.

Richie Weinman:

Council has to meet to set policy, bottle neck for homelessness at the Council level, frustrated and would like to ask for comment

Greg Evans:

Council Agenda, Mayor and City Manager set the work session agendas, Councilor Evans is working to bringing it to the table. Councilor Surret trying to get full report on expenditures. You have my commitment that I will continue to

try to bring it up. Let's develop proposals together, to bring forward parallel policy to the camping ban to be more constructive and humane and work for our homeless citizens in a better way.

Richie: No one is directing City staff for a report, a document clarity and options regarding the camping ban, or the entire report.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 6:25, Work Groups began at 6:40